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GROUP OF CAMASSIA ESCULENTA (CALIFORNIA HYACINTH) IN BLOOM.

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Abella rupestris.
Abutilon in variety.
Acacia dealbata.
Lophantha.
Acalapha Sanderiana.
Acalapha Macaenseana.
Achania Malvaviscus.
Achimenes, mixed.

[NOTE.—*Achimenes* have heretofore been sold by florists at 15 to 20 cts. each. I offer fine plants at the Bargain Price. Order now, while I can supply them. The bulbs keep over winter well by drying off the soil and setting the pot in a frost-proof place.

Achillea, The Pearl.
Millifolium rubrum
Patrnica.

Achyranthus, new carmine.
[NOTE.—The new Carmine *Achyranthus* is a very showy foliage plant for the window. It deserves a place in your collection.]

Acorus Calamus.
Agathaea coelestis.
Ailanthus, Tree of Heaven.

Ageratum, Princess Pauline.
Dwarf White.
Dwarf Blue.
Aloe, succulent.
Aloysia, Lemon Verbena.
Althea in variety.
Alternanthera, red, yellow.
Amomum Cardamomum.

[NOTE.—*Amomum* is a pretty Canna-like plant with sweet-scented foliage. It is much prized by many.]
Ampelopsis quinquefolia.
Veltchii.

Anemone,
Coronaria (Poppy Anem.).
Anthemis Nobilis.
Aquilegia in variety.
Arabis Alpina.
Arisaema triphylla.
Aristolochia elegans.
Armeria cephalotes.
Artichoke (Jerusalem).
Asclepias incarnata.
Tuberosa.
Asparagus comoriensis.
Decurrens.
Sprengeri.
Plumcosus Nanus.
Verticillatus.

Aster, Alpinus.
Astragalus galegiformis.
Aubrietia, hardy.
Angelonia grandiflora.

[NOTE.—I can send you a fine healthy plant of this sweet little flower. You will surely be pleased with it. Blooms in winter.]

Begonia, Sanguinea.
Bertha Chateaurocker.
Honeywell.
Robusta.
Margaritae.
M. de Lesseps.
Nitida.
Pres. Carnot.
Sandersonii.
Souv. de Pres. Guillaume.
Welltonensis, white.
Red.
Cut-leaved.
Fuchsoides.
Foliola.

Begonia, Tuberos, Giant White, Crimson, Rose, Pink, Scarlet, Yellow.
Blancaea scandens.
Bloodroot, (Sanguinaria).
Bryophyllum calycinum.

Buxus sempervirens.
Cactus in variety.
Caladium esculentum.
Callicarpa purpurea.
Calliopsis grandiflora.
Callirhoe involucrata.
Calla, spotted leaf.
Calla white, Lily of the Nile.
Sure to bloom.
Campanula calycanthema.
Campanula, white.
Turbinata.
Campylobotrys regia.
Carnation, hardy garden.
Caryopteris Mastacanthus.
Centaurea candidissima.
Cestrum parqui.
Laurifolium.
Poeticus.
Chelone barbata.
Chrysanthemum in sorts.
Miller's crimson.
Clemta maculata.
Cineraria hybrida.
Maritima.
Stellata.
Cleus Heterophylla.
Clerodendron Balfourii.
Coccoloba platyclada.
Commelyna coelestis.

Coleus, Firebrand.
Fire Crest.
Fancy in variety.
Glory of Autumn.
Golden Bedder.
Marquis.
Rob Roy, fringed.
Centrosema grandiflora.
Convolvulus mauritanicus.
Coral Tree, Erythrina.
Coreopsis lanceolata.
Coronilla glauca.
Crape Myrtle, pink.
Crassula cordata.
Cuphea platycentra.
Cyperus alternifolius.
Cytisus laburnum.
Cyclamen Persicum.
Splendens, crimson.
Superbum roseum.
Daisy delicata.
Daisy, double white.
Daisy, Longfellow, red.
Daisy, New Shasta.
Deutzia gracilis.
Crenata, double.
Dianthus, Sweet William.
Double white.
Double crimson.
Double margined.
Plumarius, clove.
Dielytra spectabilis.
Eucalyptis globosus.
Euonymus Japonica aurea.
Radicans variegata.
Eupatorium riparium.
Purpureum, tall, hardy.
Serrulatum.

[NOTE.—Eupatorium riparium is a winter-blooming pot plant, bearing clusters of white, brush like flowers in profusion. It is sure to bloom.]

Euphorbia splendens.
Ferns, tender, in variety.
Hardy, in variety.
Forsythia viridissima.
Suspensa.

Fuchsia, Avalanche.
Black Prince.
Chas. Blanc.
Gloire des Marches.
Little Prince.

Fuchsia, Mrs. E. G. Hill.
Monarch.
Oriflamme.
Peasant Girl.
Rosa Patrie.
Speciosa.

Trailing Queen.
Ferraria Canariensis.
Grandiflora alba.
Speciosa, red.

Funkia, Day Lily.
Undulata variegata.
Galega officinalis.

Geranium, Flowering:

Mrs. Hill.
America.
Bruanti.
Centaure.
Dr. Denny.
Granville.
John Doyle.
La Favorite.
Mars.
Mme. Conover.
Miss Perkins.
Miss Kendall.
Mme. Barney.
New Life.
S. A. Nutt.

Wonder. White Swan.
[NOTE.—Geranium America is a compact growing sort blooming with wonderful freedom. The flowers are pink, shaded white, and come in large clusters. It is a first-class winter-blooming Geranium; also does well in summer beds.]
Geranium maculatum.

Geranium, Foliage:

Bronze Bedder.
Distinction.
Happy Thought.
Mrs. Parker.
Geranium, Scented:
Fern-leaved.
Nutmeg-scented.
Apple-scented.

Gloxinia, Giant Blue, Red.
White, Spotted, Kaiser.

Frederick, Kaiser Wm.
Goodyera pubescens.
Helianthus tuberosum.

Multiflorus plenus.

Heliotrope, White Lady.

New Light Blue.

Dark Blue. Violet.

Hemerocallis flava.

Fulva.

Seiboldii.

Thunbergii.

Heterocentron alba.

Hibiscus sinensis, red.

Aurantiacus.

Carminatus grandiflorus.

Gen. Courtizis.

Magnifica.

Sub Violaceus.

Hibiscus Crimson Eye.

Honeysuckle, Hall's.

Reticulata aurea.

Scarlet Trumpet.

Hyacinthus candicans.

Hydrangea in variety.

Hortensis.

Otakka, whitish.

Impatiens Sultani, salmon.

Carmine.

[NOTE.—Impatiens Sultana is one of our best window plants, beautiful in foliage and flower, blooming freely winter or summer, indoors or out. Everybody should have it.]

Ipomoea limbata.

Iris, Florentina.

Germanica, in sorts.

Versicolor, blue.

Ivy, English.

Variegated.

Abbotsford.

Kenilworth (Lilacaria).

Ivy, Irish or Parlor.

[NOTE.—Parlor Ivy is a lovely vine growing freely in dense shade.]

Jasminum gracillimum.

Grandiflorum.

Grand Duke.

Maid of Orleans.

Nudiflorum, hardy.

Revolutum.

Justicia carnea.

Justicia sanguinea.

Kerria Japonica.

Kudzu Vine.

Kenilworth Ivy.

Lantana, Don Calmet.

In variety.

Lavatera arborea.

Lavender, true.

Lysimachia, (Moneywort).

Leucanthemum max.

Libonia perhosiensis.

Lily of the Valley.

Linum perenne, white.

Blue.

Lobelia, Royal Purple.

Barnard's Perpetual.

[NOTE.—Barnard's Perpetual Lobelia blooms freely, and its flowers are very bright and showy. In a sunny window it makes a fine winter display in a pot or basket. You should get it.]

Lopesia rosea.

Lophospermum scandens.

Madeira Vine.

Mackaya bella.

Malva Moschata.

Manettia bicolor.

Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum.

Acinaciforme.

Meyenia erecta.

Mina lobata.

Montbretia Etoile de Feu.

Myosotis, Forget-me-not.

Nepeta, Catnip.

Old Man.

Oxalis, Bermuda Buttercup.

Hirta rosea.

Oxalis in variety.

Palm, Phoenix Canariensis.

Pritchardia filamentosa.

Physalis Francheti.

Parsley, Moss-curved.

[NOTE.—Parsley is a beautiful plant in foliage, and the sprays are much used in culinary work for garnishing. It is also used in soups as flavoring.]

Pansy, in variety.

Passiflora incarnata, red.

Cerulea, blue.

Paulownia Imperialis.

Persicaria cuspidata.

Peristrophe variegata.

Petunia, finest double.

Philadelphus grandiflorus.

Phlox, Perennial, white.

Amie Vibert.

Plumbago capensis.

Podophyllum peltatum.

Polygonatum racemosum.

Pomegranate, Jas. Vick.



Primula Forbesi.

[NOTE.—P. Forbesi is called Baby Primrose. It has small, but lovely flowers, borne in great profusion.]

An excellent little pot plant of easy culture.

Primula, Fern-leaved.

Mallow-leaved.

Floribunda.

Obconica grandiflora.

Verticillata.

[NOTE.—All of the above Primroses are excellent plants for winter blooming.]

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[NOTE.—Calif. Privet is a beautiful, hardy, evergreen hedge plant. It has no superior.]

Ruellia Makoyana.

Ranunculus, French.

Rocket, sweet, white.

Sweet lilac.

Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.

[NOTE.—Golden Glow is a hardy perennial bearing a mass of double golden flowers in autumn. It is perfectly hardy, of easy culture, and sure to bloom.]

Formosa, scarlet.

Rose, climbing sorts.

Everblooming, all colors.

Rose, Ball of Snow, hardy, and fine for cemetery.

Rivinia humilis.
Russelia elegantissima.
Juncea.
Sagittaria variabilis.
Salvia splendens.
Rutilans.
Pineapple-scented.
New Giant, scarlet.
Rubusta, hardy, scented.
Silver Spot.

Saponaria ocymoides.

Officinalis, double.

Sansevieria Zeylanica.

Saxifraga peltata.

Sarmentosa.

Sedum in variety.

Spirea, shrubby.

Anthony Waterer.

Reevesi.

Van Houtte.

Spirea, herbaceous:

Astilboides.

Filipendula.

Japonica.

Palmata elegans.

Smilax, Boston.

Schinus molle.

Scutellaria pulchella.

Solanum racemigerum.

Dulcamara, hardy vine.

Strawberries, No. 1 Earliest.

No. 2. 2nd Early.

No. 3. 1st Medium crop.

No. 4. 2nd Medium crop.

No. 5. Late.

No. 6. Latest.

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Stroblanthus anisophyllus.

Dyerianus.

Stokesia cyanea.

Tansy, herb.

Tradescantia variegata.

Torenia Speciosa.

Tritoma Uvaria.

[NOTE.—Tritoma is known as "Red-hot Poker."]

Tuberose, large size.

Tunica Saxifraga.

[NOTE.—Tunica is a splendid hardy plant for a margin. Its foliage is delicate, dense, rich green, and it is constantly spangled with little rosy, cup-like flowers. Fine also for pots.]

Verbena, Hardy, purple.

Hybrid Mammoth.

Veronica spicata.

Imperialis.

Viola, Lady Campbell.

La France.

Prince of Wales.

Vinca rosea, rose.

Alba, white, rose centre.

Alba nova, pure white.

[NOTE.—Vinca rosea is a grand plant for blooming in the window in winter as well as in beds in summer. It is lovely in foliage and brilliant in flower, and it is of very easy culture.]

Weeping Willow.

[NOTE.—This is a very beautiful weeping tree.]

Weigela floribunda.

Variegata.

Yucca filamentosa.

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CACTUS—CROWN OF THORNS.

Crown of Thorns! Oh, can it be!
Worn by the Saviour for you and me,
On that sacred brow so fair and bright,
That all should have eternal light—
For you, for me, for all so free—
Who say, "Dear Lord, I'll trust in thee."

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Mrs. F. Chapley.

PHYLLOCACTUS.

THERE are a dozen species of Phyllocactus, all of which are natives of South America, and all desirable for

cultivation. The flowers are rich in texture, show colors ranging from white to crimson, as well as yellow and orange, and the leaf-like stems are devoid of prickles, which are much disliked by many persons who cultivate window plants. The flowers of many species are also agreeably fragrant.

The plants are of easy culture. Pot them in rather small pots for their size, the soil being porous loam, leaf mould and pounded brick or sharp sand, well intermixed. An inch layer of broken crock or charcoal at the bottom of the pots will provide sufficient drainage. Keep in a sunny place and water freely in summer, but supply water sparingly in winter, as the roots are easily rotted by too much moisture while the plant is

dormant. Avoid frequent lifting if you wish the plants to bloom freely. Pot-bound plants are more prolific. To promote growth and well developed flowers give a dressing of pulverized cow chips every spring, working the material well into the surface soil.

Phyllocactus latifrons is the most common species, and is a handsome pot plant. The pretty specimen represented in the engraving is owned by Mrs. D. M. McNulty, of Hardeman Co., Tenn., who writes:

"MR. EDITOR:—The enclosed photograph of my Phyllocactus latifrons or Queen Cactus was taken by flash light. A little later the plant had more than a dozen blooms on it at one time. It was potted in good soil and had ordinary treatment."



PLANT OF PHYLLOCACTUS LATIFRONS.

Phyllocactus latifrons is a vigorous, easy-grown species attaining the height of six or eight feet. The stems are often three inches or more broad, and the flowers are borne near the tips of the branches. The flowers are very large, measuring seven or eight inches long and six inches in diameter when fully developed. The sepals and tube are of reddish tinge, but the petals are a delicate cream-white, very pleasing and attractive. The

plant is sometimes erroneously called Cereus latifrons. It is not a species of Cereus, however, but a true Phyllocactus, or Leaf-Cactus, the name being derived from phyllon, a leaf, on account of the leafy stems.

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Editorial.

Winter Bloomers.—*Libonia penrhosiensis* is an evergreen bearing dense privet-like leaves and scarlet flowers not unlike *Montbretia* or *Chelone* in general appearance. It is a winter-bloomer, but is not sure to bloom. Under window culture the plants are rarely seen in bloom. *Heterocentron alba* is a soft-stemmed upright plant with white flowers about the size of a *Thorn* blossom at the leaf axils. It grows readily and blooms freely in winter. The tops should be pinched while growing to promote a bushy habit. *Stevia serrata* bears clusters of white flowers in winter, and is sure to bloom. A variety has pretty variegated leaves, and is lovely as a foliage plant. *Eupatorium riparium* has clusters of white; brush-like flowers in abundance during winter; the plants are easily cared for and sure to bloom. *Habrothamnus elegans* is often classed as *Cestrum elegans*. It is a shrubby vine that bears clusters of rosy tubular flowers. It is mostly regarded as a summer flower, but may be managed to bloom in the winter. *Begonia Carrieri* is of the *Semperflorens* group, and has crisp rounded foliage and numerous clusters of white flowers. It will bloom either in winter or summer.

Ferns.—These mostly like a shady place and considerable moisture about the roots. Only a few species, however, thrive in soil where the water is stagnant. Good drainage, porous soil, and frequent and liberal applications of water are chief elements in the growth of these plants.

GROWING FREESIAS.

THOSE who wish to have fine clusters of *Freessias* during the holiday season should now attend to getting and potting the bulbs. Secure the finest bulbs to be obtained, and pot them in



4½ inch pots, using a good compost of fibrous loam, sand and decayed manure. These materials should be thoroughly composted and mixed, and should be filled in the pot over good drainage, as the *Freessia* does no good in water-logged soil. Set the bulbs a half inch beneath the surface, and keep watered and in a cool place until freely rooted, when the temperature may be increased to 60 degrees and more water applied. Keep close to the glass to encourage a strong, stalky growth. Five or six bulbs, all of the same size, should be placed in one pot. The long bulbs as shown in the illustration, are preferable. As stated, water sparingly until the pots are filled with roots and the growth active, then give them liberal supplies, occasionally using weak manure water, which greatly stimulates the growth and bloom. The earlier *Freessias* are potted the better. As a rule good bulbs cannot be obtained till late in July, but in August there should be no lack of thoroughly ripened bulbs at any enterprising bulb house. With these simple hints any person can have fine potfuls of the beautiful waxen fragrant clusters, as there are few bulbs of easier culture, and few that are more satisfactory in yielding beauty and fragrance.

Non-blooming Pæony.—Miss Taylor, of Van Buren County, Michigan, has two *Pæonies* side by side, one of which develops its flowers, while the other drops its buds before they begin to open. She wants to know why the buds blast. This is a conundrum, although we see just such things happening daily. In the human family we may see under the same roof persons who are useful, and finish satisfactorily whatever they undertake, while others, perhaps, rarely take anything in hand, and what they do attempt frequently ends without success. Their food and surroundings may be alike, and we must look deeper for the cause. The different qualities are characteristic, doubtless, and may be considered inherent. If we have anything to do we engage the industrious, successful man rather than the dilatory, careless one. We want one that can be depended upon. In plant culture we should pursue the same policy. Buy and plant varieties that are recommended as reliable, and that can be depended upon to bloom satisfactorily. You will thus avoid worry, disappointment and trouble.

ACHANIA MALVAVISCUS.

FROM the West Indies we have a half-hardy malvaceous shrub known in catalogues as *Achania Malvaviscus*, but in botanical works as *Malvaviscus*



FIGURE 1.

arborescens. It has large, handsome leaves and erect, bright scarlet flowers, and is sometimes called Upright Fuchsia. In the South the plants are hardy, and will grow twelve feet high, forming well-branched heads. At the North they are grown as pot plants. They bloom almost continuously for several months, and are quite showy. A flower and leaf are represented in the small engraving.

During the month of June the photograph (from which the engraving figure 2 was prepared) came with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—I send you a photograph of my *Achania malvaviscus* to show to the Magazine friends its extraordinary growth. It was formerly covered with bloom, but shifting into a larger pot of fresh soil turned its energies into the development of leaves and branches, and it is now in a state of vigorous



FIGURE 2.

growth, which makes me hope that it will resume its former habit of free-blooming.

The plant from which this was taken as a cutting was cut to the ground each year, and the sprouts annually starting from the base grew into an upright vine. I have treated this plant as Mrs. La Mance recommends for *Abutilons*, just giving an abundance of water. The drainage being insufficient the earth became sour, and the leaves began to turn brown at the margin. To sweeten the soil I gave it a drink of lime water every few days, until the foliage again

assumed a living green. The plant was trimmed and trained into the symmetrical growth indicated in the photograph. It is thirty-two inches high and forty-six inches through, and held erect by a strong stake which is hidden by the foliage. It is now four years old. Emma D. Mitchell.

Wapello Co., Iowa, June 20, 1904.

The leaves often exude a mucilaginous gum which appears upon their surface like crystals of granulated sugar, and it is from this, as also the fact that it belongs to the Mallow family that it takes its name, *Malvaviscus*, *Malva* referring to Mallow and *viscus*, glue. Young plants repotted in early autumn will bloom well in the window during the winter. Propagated from seeds and cuttings.

Germination.—An esteemed sister of Kings County, New York, suggests, that a list of seeds should be given of kinds that start germination at uncertain periods. *Aristolochia* and other seeds she has failed with repeatedly, and her neighbors make the same complaint. She is used to Century plants that bloom but once in a hundred years, but thinks it would be monotonous getting used to plants so tardy in germinating. The Editor has never been successful in starting *Aristolochia* plants from seeds in less than six or eight months. *A. siphon* seeds come up better when sown in the fall and allowed to endure the frosts of winter. The same is true of *Echinocystis lobata*, the seeds of which start early in spring if planted in the autumn, while if sown in the spring they will not germinate till a year later. Seeds of *Celastrus scandens*, *Ampelopsis*, *Euonymus* and many other shrubby plants start tardily. *Clematis Jackmani* will often remain dormant for two years after sowing, and many perennials, as *Viola odorata*, *Dictamnus fraxinella* and *Geranium sanguineum*, lie dormant for a year or more before starting to germinate.

Palm.—A tardy Palm should be shifted into a well-drained pot that will nicely accommodate its roots, the soil being a fibrous compost that is rich and porous. Place some sphagnum moss over the pot to prevent rapid evaporation, and do not let the sun strike its sides. Water liberally every day, and keep in a place where the severe wind and mid-day sun will not hurt it. A porch with a northern or eastern exposure suits it. Repot as soon as the roots become crowded. Cut off all fading leaves. Keep rather dry when dormant. This treatment mostly proves satisfactory.

Salvia Robusta.—This is a fragrant-leaved species of *Salvia*, herbaceous in character, but entirely hardy, the plant pushing up new tops every year. It bears large, showy leaves and attains the height of six feet or more during the season where the conditions for its growth are favorable. The flowers are blue, borne in large spikes during the autumn.

CAMASSIA ESCULENTA.

See Illustration on first title page.

BELONGING to the Lily Family we have from California a very beautiful bulbous flowering plant, considered perfectly hardy, and of the easiest culture. It is called Quamash by the Indians, who gather the bulbs for food to such an extent that they have become difficult to procure. The scientific name is *Camassia esculenta*, and a common name is Californian Hyacinth. The flowers are of various shades from white to rich blue or purple, but the prevailing color is blue. They are large and showy, measuring two inches across, and produced on spikes growing from ten to twenty inches high, each spike bearing from ten to twenty blooms. The bulbs are long and plump, in shape not unlike a Bottle Onion, and usually from a half-inch to an inch in diameter. They are absolutely sure to bloom when potted and given the care recommended for growing the Dutch Hyacinth in pots, and for this reason, as well as their showiness and beauty they should become very popular as window plants. A single bulb may be placed in a three-inch pot, or five bulbs in a five-inch pot. In small pots the plants are more dwarf, and a group of five plants in the larger pots is preferable. They are well named "Californian Hyacinths," for we look for everything from California to be of extraordinary size, and at a distance the spikes of blooming *Camassia* appear like huge specimens of Dutch Hyacinths. A closer view reveals the delusion, but the attractiveness of the flowers is none the less prominent.

These bulbs ripen early, and can be obtained and potted in September for early winter flowers, or the potting may be done in October or November, as the bulbs keep well out of the ground. It is better, however, to get the bulbs, say 25 in number, and pot in five five-inch pots early, then bring them out at different periods, in order to have a succession of bloom during the winter. They are very tractable and by care they may be brought into bloom at any time of winter or spring. Those who do not wish flowers for the window may bed the bulbs out in clumps or in a bed, treating them as they would Dutch Hyacinths. They will bloom later than the Dutch Hyacinths, but will make a fine display, and are as sure to bloom as are the Dutch bulbs. This flower is rare, and really a novelty, and all who wish something of special merit should give it a trial. They will surely find it pleasing and satisfactory.

August Bulbs.—Do not forget that Easter Lilies, Freesias, Buttercup Oxalis and Zephyranthes should be obtained and potted this month for best results. Do not wait until it is too late for these bulbs, then pot and complain.

FANCY PELARGONIUM.

THE well-known Fancy Pelargonium or Martha Washington Geranium blooms in early spring, and is mostly flowerless during summer, autumn and winter. Young plants can be readily started either from well-ripened cuttings, or from bits of the root inserted in moist sand during spring or autumn. When well-rooted they should be potted singly in three-inch pots, using a rich, fibrous compost, and encouraged to grow by giving a rather sunny place and watering regularly; shift as the roots begin to crowd, till they occupy five or six-inch pots. Do not expose the sides of the pots to the hot sun, and do not let the aphids become troublesome by neglecting to place chopped tobacco stems or tobacco dust upon the soil about the plants. Keep in a moderate temperature during early winter, and water sparingly, but later increase the water supply and give more heat. The buds will now soon appear, and the sun's rays will develop them into large, attractive, full-blown flowers. This class of "Geranium" is the most beautiful and satisfactory of window plants when in bloom, and a good assortment should be in every collection.

Red Spider.—The so-called Red Spider is a mite, and so small that it can scarcely be noticed without the aid of a glass. It affects plants in a dry room or dry season. Tobacco is not a remedy for this pest.



Frequent syringings will keep it away, but when it badly infests a plant the best remedy is to take off and burn the affected foliage and syringe the stalks with hot soap suds and Quassia chips tea. In the care of plants the old saying is true that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It is far better to syringe often and avoid the Red Spider than to neglect syringing and try to get rid of the pest after the plants are infested.

The Ostrich-plume Fern.—Without doubt the new Ostrich-plume Fern, a species of *Nephrolepis*, is one of the most beautiful and desirable of Ferns for house culture. It is as easily grown as the Boston Fern, while every frond becomes a great plume of green, the lower ones gracefully arched and drooping, while the upper ones are stately and erect. This is one of the new plants that should be in every collection. It is of rapid growth, and a small plant, if shifted as it grows, soon becomes a magnificent specimen plant. No plant-lover should be without this glorious new Fern. It has not been over-praised.

Garden Culture.

DIGITALIS.

PERENNIAL PHLOX.

IN THE line of hardy blooming plants, there are few that will give more pleasure to the busy house-wife, for the labor expended, than the Perennial Phlox.

Plants once set in good, rich soil, need very little care to make them thrive even under climatic conditions, that more expensive plants, less attractive, would not endure. The illustration shows a bed of Perennial Phlox growing close by one of our porches. The varieties show flowers ranging through various shadings of color, from a clear bright pink, to pure white. They make a gorgeous border, and their fragrance perfumes the surrounding air.

Jessie E. Carpenter.

Mc Kean Co., Pa. June 8, 1904.

Tulip Bed.—My Tulip bed is sown now with double Portulaca seeds scattered thickly. As a table fork is all that is needed this season, when the Tulips die down I shall take the bulbs up and hang them on the wall where they will keep dry and cool until planting time, giving all the space to the Portulaca. When I put the bulbs back in the ground I will scatter seed of the little sweet Pansy over the bed. They will grow and give bloom very early next spring. Then the bulbs will blossom, and later the self scattered Portulaca come into flower. So one bed will be a joy during the season. And by bordering the bed with Sweet Violets one will have very few weeks that a cluster of the purple fragrance can not be gathered for a breast-knot, or a button-hole bouquet for a favored one.

L. G. Bowman.

Grayson Co., Tex., Apr. 12, 1904.

Hardy Primroses.—My bed of Hardy Primroses is very showy. I have the tall white ones in the center and the dwarf pink ones around the edge. They are prettier than Petunias, more free-blooming, commence blooming so early and continue to bloom all summer. They get the morning sun but will grow in full sunshine, or shade. They spread rapidly and a nice bed can be had from a few plants set in fall.

Mrs. Sadie M. Jones.

Fulton Co., Ark., July 20, 1904.

LAST spring, very early, we purchased quite a variety of hardy perennial seeds; among them, the one that best repaid us in wealth of flowers, beauty and ease in raising, was Digitalis. The seeds, which are tiny indeed, were planted in a cold frame, about April 7th, and came up very thickly; when they had about three leaves we transplanted them to our hardy border, which is composed of good garden soil, and hoed and cultivated them. This was in the latter part of June or first of July. They grew rapidly and made handsome ornamental plants. We did not protect much the first winter, though I think a mulch would prevent their heaving out of the ground, when the thaws came. They began budding in the early part of June, and were tall, stately and handsome plants until September, that is, part of them were. The coloring was beautiful pinks with spots of deeper color,

pure white, deep rose spotted white, and various combinations of colors. The culture is simple, the plants, in bloom, well repaying the little care bestowed upon them. Care should be used to not cover the seed deeply. We simply sowed on top of the ground and taking a hand-



A BED OF PERENNIAL PHLOX.

ful of fine dirt in our hands, sifted lightly over them. We raised many other perennials, but these were the equal of any and peer of many.

Nannie Burde.

Henry Co., Mo., Dec. 10, 1903.

Floral Mission.—Any well cared for flower garden increases its plants to a considerable extent. Annuals scatter their seeds, and self-sown seedlings come up. Many perennials spread at the root and in two or three years need dividing. If the home garden is as full as is wished, see if some neglected corner about the house cannot be found into which this surplus stock can be transplanted. Make a gift corner of it from which flowers, but still more frequently young plants, can be sent where they will carry sunshine to any who need it, especially the poor, who should have help to make neglected homes more attractive. A little private flower-mission can be carried on without any expense, simply from this surplus of the garden.

Phila. Pa.

Amelia H. Botsford.

GROWING FLOWERS.

WHEN it is so easy to have flowers, how is it so many who love flowers and do admire them, go on from year to year without having any? Five years ago, a yard I have in mind had nothing in it excepting two Rose bushes, June bloomers, and some Gentleman's Ruffles. Ownership changed, and now it is almost a mass of bloom, from in March, until after severe frosts. The Crocus first, then the hardy bulbs in order of blooming, Pansies wintered over, and new seedlings, Sweet Williams, Iris, Hardy Phlox and Hollyhocks would almost make a procession of beauty without the wild flowers, Violets, blue, white, yellow; Harebells, Bluebells, Dog-tooth Violets, Columbine, Clematis, Hepaticas, and Jack in the Pulpit, Indian Pinks, etc. But there are bulbs, Cannas, Gladiolus and Dahlias; Bedding Geraniums, Tea Roses, Lilies, and almost the whole list of annuals, many of which seed themselves after the first year. Then Japanese Morning Glories, Madeira, Wild Cucumber, Flowering Beans, Balsam Apple and Pear, for the annual climbers, with the Boston Ivy (Ampelopsis) for hardy vines.

All of this did not come the first year, but little by little it has been added. Except for the first hard summer of converting hard, weedy places into flower beds, the work has not been arduous, nor continual. Indeed, after a start has been made, it is not much work to have a yard of lovely flowers if a judicious selection is made in getting perennials, hardy annuals, and bulbs for spring blooming. The few dollars expended for flower seeds, bulbs and plants are ones that return big interest, especially where there are children in the home. We cannot all give our children worldly advantages, but all can have flowers for them to love and watch for.

Emma Clearwater.

Edgar Co., Ill., Mar. 30, 1904.

Flowers in a Binder Wheel.—We had an old binder wheel, one of those large ones. We took out the spokes, then put the wheel in the yard, and filled it with soil from an old pig pen. In the center I planted a double Sunflower, around that striped Petunias, and around the edge dwarf Nasturtiums. It is a very bright binder wheel now.

Aunt Violette.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 18, 1904.

Support for Gladiolus.—After planting the Gladiolus bulbs, cover the bed with wire netting, having rather a coarse mesh, raised a few inches from the ground, then sow the bed with Petunia seeds. The netting will serve as a support for the Gladiolus and keep them upright, and the Petunias will soon hide the netting.

Almira Crum.

Mahoning Co., Ohio, March 1904.

A PRETTY OLD-FASHIONED FLOWER.

THE Larkspur is so old-fashioned that in many gardens it has been neglected for years. Of late, however, when it has been seen it has been so generally admired, that in all probability it will soon become a "must have" to ambitious flower-growers. It is undoubtedly one of our most valuable spring-sown plants, blooming so quickly and profusely in large, compact spikes of brilliant and beautiful colors, that it catches the eye more easily than almost any other flower in the garden. Another very desirable point in its favor is its certainty to bloom even in unfavorable seasons. It is quite hardy, and resists strong winds and burning sun remarkably well. The flowers remain perfect so long that one almost regrets cutting them, yet they are almost as desirable as Gladiolus for tall bouquets, and if grown only for this purpose they would richly repay cultivation. The double dwarf is a very handsome variety, but it is decidedly eclipsed by the new Hyacinth-flowered type. The latter sort produces great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers set closely together, and is not always at once recognized as a near relative of the old type. The colors are bright and rich in this variety, and if planted separately very desirable masses of several shades of pink, blue, purple and red will beautify the garden. At least one packet of the mixed seeds should find its way into every garden.

Mary Foster Snider.

Wayne Co., Mich., May 5, 1904.

[NOTE.—The most beautiful annual Larkspurs are grown from fall-sown seeds. Sown in September the plants get well started before winter, and being hardy are ready to begin growth early in spring, and come into bloom before the hot weather of mid-summer.—Ed.]

Sweet Mary.—Sweet Mary is not very beautiful but has a sweet perfume. The flowers are small and of a dull yellow color. They do not have the perfume that the leaves do. In my first flower bed I had Sweet Mary and my mother told me, if I let it spread I would have to throw it away. When I would go to the garden I often said—Mary, Sweet Mary now don't you get contrary, or I must part with you. But Sweet Mary is in that old garden corner yet, and as sweet as ever.

Aunt Violette.

Crawford Co., Ohio, July 18, 1904.

Cannas from Seeds.—To start Cannas put the seeds in a cup and pour boiling water on them, and the ends will pop off. Set the cup in a warm place for a day or two, then plant the seeds two or three inches deep. The plants will bloom the first year. I had a tobacco sack full of seeds, and raised about three bushels of roots.

Ira Wisner.

McLean Co., Ill., Jan. 22, 1904.

Trees and Shrubs.

AZALEAS.

THESE are desirable pot shrubs of comparatively easy culture, but the cultivation is so seldom understood that many fail to grow them successfully and we do not see them among window plants as often as we should. Give them a light soil composed of sand, leaf mould and good garden loam, and always use soft water, as hard water contains lime, and this is fatal to them. Azaleas require plenty of water during their growing season, but the drainage must be good, so that no water will stand about the roots, making the soil sour and soggy. Give them partial shade at all seasons, and during the summer, which is their time of rest, plant them out in the shade of some building, but never under the drip of eaves or trees. They bloom from February to May, and always delight in a cool, moist atmosphere. Cuttings made from new growth and well cared for should bloom when two years old. If these shrubs need pruning, prune in the spring as soon as they are done blooming, before the new growth begins, as the flower buds for the next season are formed during the summer and fall. When bedded out in summer do not let them suffer for water or the buds will drop off. As these plants do not like to have their roots disturbed very often, it is better to remove some of the soil in the spring, without repotting, fill with fresh soil and give an occasional watering with liquid manure. There are several different species of this grand plant; some are deciduous but the greenhouse sorts are evergreen, somewhat resembling a dwarf Oleander. The flowers are very beautiful and showy, ranging in color from white to dark crimson, with some striped and spotted varieties. Azaleas were first brought from India and China to Europe about 1808. Azalea pontica is found in the mountainous region about the Black Sea; some varieties are natives of the Southern States of our own country; but those mostly offered by florists come from India and China. J. A. L.

Yamhill Co., Oreg., June 8, 1904.

Otaheite Orange.—Otaheite Orange has been extensively advertised. The plant is not expensive, and its growth is truly marvellous. Small plants quickly bloom, and these are followed by the bright fruit. My plant has now buds, blossoms, and small oranges on it. It is a year old, is eleven inches high, and has fifteen small oranges on it.

Another orange of recent introduction is the Kumquat Orange. It bears oranges no larger than a Damson plum, and the rind and all are edible. This variety has been highly recommended by some florists.

Mass. June 12, 1903. Mrs. L. R. P.

ROOTING ROSES.

IN SPRING I take the slips with a bud or bloom, and pinch off the bloom. I use slips four or six inches long. Do not cut them, but pull the slips downward off the main stalk, which leaves a heel on the end of the stem of the cutting. I prepare a rich, sandy bed, on the east side of a house or fence, and plant the cuttings one-third of their length in the soil; press the soil around them, water well, and place a glass fruit jar over each. To keep them moist I pour water around the jars, and if the sun is hot shade them with paper. If started in fall, I treat the same way, only bank the soil around them two or three inches. They will stand zero weather and live through. I have rooted the tender Teas, Polyanthus and Hybrid Perpetuals, and only lost one or two out of thirty or forty cuttings. I like fall for starting them, for they don't have to be watered, and the hybrid perpetuals root best started in fall. The last of May they will be ready to transplant where they are to bloom. I transplant them in long rich beds, in single rows twelve inches apart, keeping them well cultivated till July, then give them a good mulching of stable litter, and with a good watering once in a while you will have thrifty bushes and lots of bloom. The first year, I keep most of the buds picked off. My Mary Washington is five feet high from a slip started last fall, and I have picked off buds by the dozen. Etoile de Lyon, Maman Crochet, Lucullus, Sunset, Champion of the World, Meteor, and Hermosa are all good bloomers. One can buy a dozen Roses in Spring, and by fall can root enough for a large bed the next year.

Mrs. Sadie M. Jones.

Fulton Co., Ark., July 20, 1904.

Olea Fragrans.—This often called fragrant Olive, is an evergreen shrub from China, where it is much prized because of its delightful fragrance. It is said that they use the leaves to adulterate and flavor their tea. This is a green-house shrub, with small, inconspicuous, white flowers, having an exquisite odor. Give plenty of light and water, never allowing the soil to become dry. A cool, moist atmosphere is necessary to prevent its insect enemy, the scale, from bothering it. J. A. L.

Yamhill Co., Oreg., June 8, 1904.

Acacia Lophantha.—My Acacia Lophantha or Tree Fern is a beauty, and admired by all who see it. From seven seeds I got six fine plants. Five of them I gave to friends. The hot sun should never be allowed to strike the vessels containing them. The plants should have either the early morning, or late afternoon sun.

Mrs. A. H.

St. Joseph Co., Ind., Aug. 1, 1904.

Floral Poetry.

TO MY FLOWERS.

My beautiful flowers, I love you so!

For in your dear faces I see
Sweet tokens of love, from the Father above,
Who painted your petals for me.

Yes, even for me he tinted the Rose,
And gave the Pansies their hue;
And the Violets sweet, that bloom at my feet,
Even the Daisies and the Buttercups too.

And my Lilies so fair, this the message they bring,
"O care-burdened soul, even He,
Who wove from the light, our petals so white,
Thus tenderly careth for thee."

Sweet tokens of love to each care-burdened soul,
This message they ever repeat,
"For the Lilies I care, and robe them so fair,
And give them their fragrance so sweet."

Even so will I care for my children, who are
Of more worth than the Lilies to me,
I'll both cloth and feed, and supply every need,
And their portion forever will be."

So I look at my flowers, and thank the dear Lord
For such sweet reminders of love;
And in gratitude pray that my life every day,
As fair and as fragrant may prove.

May Lilies of purity, Roses of love,
In our heart-gardens ever be found,
And affection's sweet flowers ever garland our
bovers.

And the sweet fragrant Heartease abound.

Henrico Co., Va.

Alice R. Corson.

DAYS OF CHILDHOOD.

When the hedge and trees were filled with merry
song birds,
And the morning breeze was blowing soft and cool,
I'd take my trusted friend, old, faithful Rover,
And through the fragrant lanes of bee-strewn clover
I'd slowly wend my way to country school.

Anon I'd pause beside the shady brookside,
To listen to the rippling waters flow,
And then I'd stoop and gather wildwood flowers,
From charming Nature's sweet and shady bowers,
In those happy days of childhood long ago.

Then at evening as the golden sun was setting,
And flocks of crows appeared in Nature's dome,
I'd hasten through the hazy, lengthening shadows,
O'er grassy banks and Daisy-sprinkled meadows,
On my way from school to drive the cattle home.

REFRAIN.

Oh, those happy, happy days of joyous childhood;
Days I never, nevermore shall see!
Oh, give me back those days of happy childhood,
When I'd roam again the wildwood gay and free.

Hancock Co., Ill.

Lutie Chrisman Ferris.

THE VOICE.

When weary of toil and the cares of life,
I hasten forth from the daily strife,
And wonder alone where rivulets flow
In sunshine and shadow murmuring low,
Where the Willow its twisted limbs entwines,
And rests in the arms of the Clematis vines.

Where the delicate Fern its fronds unroll,
I sit alone to talk with my soul.
The birds and flowers in their freedom rejoice,
And I wait in silence to hear the voice
That communes with the hungry souls of men,
When they search for the secrets of wood and glen.

Windsor Co., Vt.

Mrs. I. L. Lewis.

THE DWARF SWEET PEA.

I planted them thick by pillar and wall,
And up they sprang at the sunbeam's call,
My dainty climbing Sweet Peas.
The leaves stretched out with their tendrils green,
And nodding on high were the blossoms seen,
Of the dainty climbing Sweet Peas.

But one plant was down in the grass below,
Nor upward at all could her leaf stem go.
She heard her climbing comrades sing,
As in the fresh joy of the summer time,
They lifted their heads to the sweet sunshine,
And felt herself a creeping thing.

In the charmed hush of the fair moonlight,
When happy flowers sleep through the night,
Her buds were wet with tearful dew.
I heard her sigh and I heard her weep—
The dwarfed plant that could only creep—
As I paced the garden through.

"But still you are fair, still you are sweet,
You mournful flower beneath my feet,
You poor little dwarf Sweet Pea."
"Yet, what if I am," I heard her say,
"If I still must live in this low way,
If I cannot climb!" cried she.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Amelia H. Botsford.

WITH NATURE.

In the highways and the byways,
Wild flowers bud and bloom;
Prettie posies, blushing Roses,
Scatter sweet perfume.

Here my heart sings, while my faith clings
To this maxim trite;
Work is duty, life is beauty,
If we live aright.

Birds are singing, flowers are winging
Perfume all day long;
Healthful pleasure, giving leisure
Time for work, or song.

Heaven is nearer, faith is clearer
In a rural home;
Woodland bowers, wildwood flowers,
From thee I'd ne'er roam.

Anna M. L. Rositer.

Suffolk Co., Mass., May 24, 1904.

SEPTEMBER.

September draws her misty veil aside,
And deep, strong winds make music in her hair;
Her royal halls yield forth a crystal air
More pure and sweet than any airs beside.

The music of her grace is sad and strange,
Tinctured and bound by witching minor keys;
We hear her chanted song on every breeze—
A prophesy too deep for mortal range.

September, warm our weary hearts and souls!
Give to us of thy meed of garnered strength!
So shall we reach thy fruitful port at length,
While through the universe God's paran rolls!

Elk Co., Kans., April 12, 1904. Bessie Bellman.

TO ROSE—PERLE DES JARDINS.

Beautiful Pearl of the Garden,
Florists have named thee aright;
Some of the sunshine of Heaven
Hast thou transferred to earth's night.

Some love fair pearls of the Ocean,
Guard them with tenderest care;
Give me the pearl of the garden,
Dewy and fragrant and fair.

Wright Co., June 23, 1904.

Mildred Merle.

Pot Culture.

THE PIERSON FERN.

DURING the past year the florists have been highly praising, and offering at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1.00 each, a new variety of *Nephrolepis Exaltata* under the name of the Pierson or Ostrich Plume Fern. Those who have purchased plants know that the praise was not too great, and some will be ready to say that the "half was not told," that it far exceeded their expectations.

This Fern is one of the most beautiful and graceful that can be grown in the window. Every frond is like a big, fluffy plume and of the most lovely and attractive green color imaginable. In the centre the fronds are erect and stately, and tipped lighter green, but the other fronds gradually become of arching form until the marginal ones hang gracefully over the sides of the pot, making a symmetrical, globular mass, exceedingly graceful, and a most showy and admirable specimen plant, whether in a pot, vase or basket.

The Pierson Fern is of the easiest culture. It will thrive in any plant window, and in almost any soil. The ideal soil for it, however, is rich woods earth, or fibrous sandy loam, well drained, and a rather shady situation. The plant makes roots and fronds rapidly, and must be shifted into larger pots or given more room as soon as the roots begin to crowd. Keep freely watered while growing. A plant quickly develops into a fine specimen if promptly shifted whenever the roots begin to crowd. No window collection should fail to contain this most beautiful, vigorous and easily grown Fern. If you do not have it, by all means secure a plant for your window this season. Its beauty in winter will fully repay its trifling cost. The plants may be propagated from spores, which are freely produced, or from runners which issue from the roots at the surface of the ground.



PLANT OF A PLUME FERN.

PETUNIAS AS WINTER BLOOMERS.

PERSONS fond of cultivating these captivating annuals in the flower garden should try a few pots in the window garden. Petunias are so easily raised from seeds, one does not need to take cuttings for a supply, but purchase a few cent's worth of seeds. The single, ruffled and frilled sorts make fine pot plants. A lover of double flowers can have both double and single from one packet, as not all seedlings come double. Seeds may be started during the summer, and the young plants potted in rather small pots, or cans, and kept in a protected situation. A large plant will have but comparatively few roots, so do

not over-pot. As growth progresses, branching may be induced by pinching out the growing ends. When a bushy growth is formed, a light trellis is an advantage to train to, though a tall stick will answer. When removed to the window, light must be given, and the depredations of green fly, and aphid prevented by applications of quassia chips tea. Applications of liquid fertilizer when in bud and bloom, promote larger flowers, and

deeper and more beautiful colors.

C. M. R.

Suffolk Co., N. Y., May 14, 1904.

About Chrysanthemums.—I saw in a paper that cuttings of Chrysanthemums rooted in fall and kept growing all winter make lovely Easter flowers. Some one try it and report. I also saw that after Chrysanthemum buds form, if you bruise the stems, wrap with damp sphagnum moss and tie to a supporting stake above and below, roots will soon form at the bruise, and the top can be cut off and potted. I should think the moss should be quite thick around the wound, so it would retain moisture. All Chrysanthemums should be well staked to keep from falling down.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky. Oct. 8, 1903.

Bulbous Flowers.

FINE BEGONIA.

BEGONIA Dew-drop has never been without bloom, but the grandest Begonia I have ever grown is Ione. The foliage is not the most beautiful. It somewhat resembles Vernon; but oh, such lovely bloom, soft, la-france pink and white. I have had a plant fourteen months, and it has never been without bloom; is an easy and fast growing variety. A pink companion to Dewdrop is the Incarnata rosea, a true everbloomer. Among the finest for both foliage and flowers are Otto Hacker, Metalica, Argentea guttata, Paul Bruant, Pres. Carnot. All of these are easily grown and cared for. I find Purity one of the best white bloomers, but not so tall as the above named. Given a good soil of leaf mould with a little compost from the stock yard, with a small amount of garden soil added, kept moist not wet, and given the morning sun, they grow to be lovely specimens in a few months.

Mrs. R. D. Moore.
Jackson Co., Ga., Jan. 26, 1904.

Lemoine Gladiolus.—I write to praise the Lemoine Gladiolus. From experience I know it to be hardy here where the thermometer drops to twenty degrees below zero. Each bulb will throw up two flower stalks, sometimes three. The flowers rival the butterfly in color, and when in full bloom, somewhat resemble one. The flowers are covered with a glittering sparkle which makes one think of particles of ice. They multiply very fast, each bulb throwing out several rootlets. At the end of each rootlet a tiny bulb the size of a pea is formed. These should be peeled before planting, as the husk is very hard. Each little bulblet will bloom in two years from planting time and will more than repay you for your trouble by their different varieties of bloom. The bulblets should be planted one inch deep; the bulbs at least three inches deep and the same distance apart. Plant in full sun, and in rich soil, and gather your flowers by the armfuls. Ima.

Gaucha Co., Ohio.

California Hyacinths.—Among the new hardy bulbs that can be cultivated with great success in pots and pans in the window in winter are the California Hyacinths, scientifically known as Camassia esculenta. The bulbs are about the size of Tulip bulbs, and throw up strong flower scapes from eight inches to two feet high, bearing beautiful flowers of various shades from white to rich purple, and at a distance appearing like a giant Hyacinth, showy and beautiful. Every bulb is sure to bloom if treated as a Dutch Hyacinth, and a group of the blooming plants in the window is not only a novelty, but a thing of great beauty.

BULBOUS PLANTS.

NEXT to Hardy Perennials this class of flowers is deserving of consideration, especially by busy farmers' wives who have to fairly steal what time they devote to flowers. The hardy spring bulbs all are acquainted with, at least I take it for granted that they are, and nearly every one grows a few Gladiolus, the old-fashioned red kind. This fall I threw away nearly a half bushel of the common red bulbs, as it takes no more time, nor room to grow a good one than a poor one, and by adding a few new ones each year, I shall soon have a glorious collection. The new race of Childsi Gladiolus is simply magnificent. Tuberose are cheap and easy to grow, and exquisite is the word to describe them. Summer Oxalis makes a beautiful edging or carpet for bulbous plants or Geraniums. They are no trouble, and how they multiply. Tigridias and Montbretias are both odd and pretty, and Tuberous Begonias; but these need a whole page to themselves.

Mrs. E. B. Murray.

Saratoga Co., N. Y., Nov. 22, 1904.

[NOTE.—The time to buy and plant hardy bulbs is in the autumn. Most of them are showy at a time when there are few other plants in bloom, and when flowers are most prized. Do not neglect to plant a bed of bulbs this fall, you will never regret it.—Ed.]

Eucomis Punctata.—A rare and curious as well as handsome half-hardy bulbous plant of the Lily family, is Eucomis punctata. It comes from the Cape of Good Hope, thrives well in any rich soil, and is sure to bloom. The leaves are radical, long and wavy, not unlike those of the Funkia undulata, but larger and more dense. The flowers are borne upon the sides of a growing scape bearing a tuft of leafy bracts at the top. The flowers are Scilla-like in size and shape, white, green brown and purple, thickly set, and open from the lower part of the scape, developing as the scape grows, and thus blooming for a long period. They are deliciously scented, and as the scapes grow to the height of two feet the plants are quite showy. The bulbs must be lifted and cared for in a frost-proof place during the winter. They do well bedded out, but may be grown in pots. They are propagated from offsets.

Growing Caladiums.—The finest Caladiums I have ever seen were of the Esculentum variety, grown in two large tubs, that were sawed from a hollow cypress tree. The tubs were three feet high, and about three feet in diameter, placed on the ground and filled half full of old stable manure and then filled with very rich soil from the lot. The tubers were planted in this and kept well watered with water from the laundry, and every one who saw them looked and wondered.

Mrs. Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 1, 1903.

Pot Culture.

A GOOD GERANIUM.

WHILE not prepared to say that "Mars" is the best Geranium, I am prepared to say it has proven to be the best for us, and would certainly prove a valuable addition to any one's collection of Geraniums. Every Rose has its thorn, and the particular prick of this plant is its dwarfness. It is not only dwarf, but very dwarf. I have one almost two years old that is so dwarf that a quart cup would almost cover it when not in bloom. I would decide it was unhealthy, but that it blooms freely. Its stems are small, and look old, its leaves are a lovely green, notched around, and each has a beautiful and distinct brown zone; its flowers, which it is seldom without, are a delicious sight, resembling peach blossoms more than any thing else. They are borne freely, on long stems, and the small plant looks almost over-topped with flowers.

Last spring I repotted it, and determined to get it to grow, but grow it would not to any appreciable extent. It seemed determined to bloom, and I was as determined to not allow it to bloom, so the buds were taken off as fast as found, and its perseverance in the way of putting forth buds is worthy of emulation from any one or any thing, but it would not grow.

This summer I mean to furnish it good quarters, and then let it to do as it pleases. Perhaps by the time it is old enough to die of old age, it will conclude to grow. If it only had some of the robust growth of S. A. Nutt and La Favorite, it would be a perfect Geranium, but then it has furnished fully three times the bloom that they have given me. Many successful window gardeners advise starting new plants each spring for the next winter's bloom, but I have found old plants more desirable. But they must be properly pruned, potted and disbudded through the summer, if we would have nice blooms, and lots of them next winter. The older plants have proven more hardy for me than the young ones, and the variegated and scented varieties never get too old; the older the better for beauty and fragrance. We must prune these also, but the plants sent out now seem trained in the root to grow into shapely growth, so need but little pruning; at least, mine have been very nice in their growth. Make a note of procuring a Mars, if you have not one now.

Why Mars? It has not a red bloom.

Emma Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind.

[NOTE.—Mars is a good pot Geranium for either summer or winter blooming, but a much better one is America. This new variety is a sport from Mars, and more vigorous in growth. Though dwarf, it is very free and constant in bloom, and does well either in pots or in beds. For the window it is excellent, as the flower and clusters are more attractive than those of Mars, and you cannot keep it from

blooming either summer or winter. It should be in every collection. An engraving of this variety appeared in the Magazine last month. But I wish to call your special attention to a Geranium still more valuable than America. It is called Dryden. Those who saw the bed of this Geranium at the Pan American Exposition will at once recall the fact that it was greatly in advance of any other Geranium displayed at the Fair. The bed of America, near-by, was cast far in the shade. I do not know of a more desirable Geranium than this for either pots or beds, and it blooms just as well in winter, in a sunny window, as it does in summer. It is of dwarf, compact habit, but of stronger growth than America. The flowers are rich, flaming scarlet, shading to pure white at the base. They are of large size and produced in splendid clusters. This is the blooming Geranium of all Geraniums for pots in the window in winter, or for the piazzas in summer, as well as for a glorious bed on the lawn. It is new in color, and with its freedom of bloom it is certainly unexcelled in attractions and beauty. It should, by all means, be in every collection.—Ed.]

Plumbago.—A great favorite with me is the Plumbago, with its clusters of dainty Phlox-like blossoms. Mine began to bloom first in February of last year; after it ceased blooming I cut it back, then how it did branch and bud, at intervals all summer! Each time after blossoming I cut it back. Capensis has light blue flowers, a color which is rare in the flower world. Capensis flora alba is identical with the first, except in color, which is pure white. Sanguinea is a newer variety, and is considered good for winter-blooming. The flowers are a deep rose or carmine color, and borne in upright racemes. Ethelyn.

Worcester Co., Mass., June 12, 1903.

Asparagus Sprengeri.—The Asparagus Sprengeri is an excellent plant, and is a vigorous grower the year round. Strong plants will send up eight, or ten fronds at one time from the tuberous roots. These will often grow to be four, or five feet long, of a rich green feathery foliage. Give it a rich sandy soil, keep out of sunshine, and water well. The Asparagus Sprengeri is extremely beautiful for decoration because of its naturally pleasing habit of growth. Its drooping nature suits it admirably, anywhere a trailing plant is effective.

It will be found one of the best all round, useful plants one can grow for room decoration, or the ornamentation of the window, and deserves a place in every collection.

Linnie Slade.

Jefferson Co., Ill., June 27, 1904.

Zonale Geraniums.—I have some lovely Geraniums I raised from a packet of Zonale Geranium seeds I bought last spring. The plants are strong and compact in growth and are both beautiful in flower and foliage. They are so easily raised from seeds, and will reward one with many charming new varieties. No flowering plants are more admired than Geraniums, and certainly none are more suitable for large beds, where a mass of bloom is desired, or for a single specimen in pots for the window.

Linnie Slade.

Jefferson Co., Ill., June, 1904.

ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

FLOREAL friends who cultivate this charming decorative plant should not become remiss in the matter of repotting if they wish to realize the full amount of beauty the plant is capable of giving. Young plants soon form a mass of roots and tubers with good cultivation, and require frequent repotting, or the roots will become so cramped and crowded the smaller pots will burst from the pressure. To have many of the long trailing sprays of greenery one must give abundant root room and an abundance of water during the growing season. While the potting soil cannot well be made too rich, frequent applications of manure water are very beneficial and excite the plant to do its best. A water pail will soon be required to hold a thrifty specimen, and the flowing feathery sprays will cover a stand and fill the lower part of a window. During the summer a partly shaded position is better than one exposed to the scorching rays of the mid-day sun. On the other hand, avoid dense shade as it causes a weak spindling growth. After the season of growth is over withhold all stimulants and be careful not to over-water and cause the soil to become sour and soggy, a condition that will cause the foliage to turn yellow and drop. Plants of sufficient age are decked with starry bloom in summer, and in winter are gay and festive with scarlet berries, which endure for a considerable season. The young shoots on neglected plants are sometimes troubled with aphides. Quassia chips tea so often recommended in the Magazine, will be found an effective remedy. Raising plants from seeds is very easy indeed, and success will reward even the inexperienced. Ample time must be allowed for germination.

C. M. R.

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Violets for Winter Blooming.—For winter blooming get small plants of the Swanley White and Lady Campbell in late spring. Plant in good, rich garden soil, and keep in partial shade. Do not let the soil get dry. Keep moderately moist, and all runners cut off. By fall you will have fine plants that will give you an abundance of bloom all winter, if placed in a sunny position in your pit. I use boxes to grow them in, as they do not do well for me in anything else.

Mrs. Julia J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 1, 1903.

Choice Geraniums.—Choice named Geraniums such as New Life, Mrs. Hill, Clyde, S. A. Nutt, Gloire de France, Gloire Bondeau, La Favorite, Bruanti, Mad Bruant, and Souv. de Miranda have given me bloom the entire winter in an out-door pit with only three hours sun each day and no artificial heat.

Mrs. R. D. Moore.

Jackson Co., Ga., Jan. 26, 1904.

CAMELLIA.

TWO years ago I obtained a Camellia by express. It had nine set buds. All through the summer I kept it on the north side of the house, and never let it get dry. During the winter I had it in a south window, in a room adjoining the living room. There was no fire there, but no frost. About April one bud opened, the loveliest bloom-crimson, slashed with white. It was perfect. I constantly showered the plant, and the leaves looked glossy and beautiful. Two more buds opened but they were not so large as the first. The others dried and dropped off. I felt well paid though, for those that developed—they lasted so long. This year I am keeping it in the pit. It has seven full-grown buds. I intend to bring it up in March, and I believe it will do even better.

Mrs. M. Richards.

Venon Co., Mo., Jan. 21, 1904.

[NOTE.—As a rule the Camellia is not a satisfactory plant for the Amateur, and even the skillful florist finds it difficult to bring successfully into bloom. The buds set in the fall, and throughout the fall and winter the atmosphere must be cool and moist, to prevent them from dying and dropping. A pit is probably the best place to keep the plants after the buds appear.—Ed.]

Freesias.—Only the larger Freesias should be potted, and the potting should be done in August or September, if you wish to meet with the best results. In potting place five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot, using porous, sandy soil and good drainage, and barely covering the bulbs with soil. Water sparingly till the tops push up, then increase the supply. Avoid a dry, hot room, but keep the pot close to the glass, where the plants will get plenty of light, and not become slender. Do not hurry the growth. The plants require four or five months to develop flowers. Treated as suggested Freesia bulbs of a good strain are sure to bloom, and will delight you with elegant sprays of flowers delicate in texture, exquisite in color and delicious in fragrance.

A Good Window Plant.—Eupatorium riparium is easily grown, and a good plant for the window in winter. The bloom on my little plant last winter was almost as large as the plant. It has grown into a nice shapely plant this summer, and I expect a whole windowful of bloom later on. I do not think it will disappoint anyone. Its beautiful white flowers could be used for many purposes.

Mrs. Lillie Gibson.

Mendocino Co., Cal., Dec. 1, 1903.

Tuberous Begonias.—No plant collection is complete without the beautiful Tuberous Begonia, beautiful alike in foliage and flower, becoming more popular every year. After knowing their great worth and beauty, no one would willingly ever be without them.

Mrs. J. L. Wykoff.

Crawford Co., Pa., Dec. 4, 1903.

Floral Miscellany.

PROTECTING ROSES.

THE coming winter some of my friends and myself mean to try the plan of Rose protection used by the gardeners of the St. Louis World's Fair. After a good hard frost the bushes are cut back to within an inch or so of the ground, and a mound shaped heap of coal ashes or sand placed over and around these stems, until they are covered an inch or more deep. Now forest leaves, coarse barnyard manure or evergreen boughs in liberal quantities should be placed over, and the bed protected from rain and snow by straw or boards. Remove all as soon as the frost is out of the ground and danger from severe night frosts is past. Try this method and report results.

Edgar Co., Ill., July 9, 1904. E. C.

Arranging Flowers.—How often I have seen children bring from the woods large bouquets of Mayflowers, not a bit of foliage to be seen, nothing but a pink, fragrant mass, and how often I have heard people say, "O, if they would not pick all of the leaves off, how much prettier the flowers would look." This suggests the thought that it is now general among florists for flowers to be arranged in a natural manner with their stems and foliage, instead of mounted, as formerly upon wire, toothpicks, brown corn and match sticks. Remember this when making your bouquets, and also remember to use only, in a bouquet, such flowers as blend well.

Alice May Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Maine, Feb. 11, 1904.

Bird Resembles a Flower.—In Mexico is found the bee martin which has a trick of ruffling up the feathers on the top of its head into the exact resemblance of a beautiful flower, and when a bee comes along to sip honey from the supposed flower it is snapped up by the bird. Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., Ohio.

Sand for Plants.—I find potting plants in sand when first received, does finely for me. The Begonias grow and blossom right along, not noticing the removal. The sand I get from the roadside, near a dwelling, and everything I set in it to root, grows.

B. H. Cone.

Middlesex Co., Conn., July 25, 1904.

A Pretty Flower Bed.—Plant a Banana in the centre, and around the Banana a row of Caladium esculentum, then a row of dwarf Cannas. Have the soil very rich and keep well watered. This bed only does well in a very hot and sunny location.

Mrs. Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 1, 1903.

MY TREATMENT OF HYACINTH.

AFTER cutting Hyacinth blooms give the bed manure water; that makes good leaf growth and helps the bulbs too. Take up bulbs in June, dry off, cut off tops to neck of bulb, trim off roots and loose outer scales, and lay them on shelves in a dry place until October, then plant in a new bed. In this way the bulbs do not deteriorate so fast. I tried it on two grape baskets of Hyacinths I had, and when I planted them out they were fine plump bulbs. Never pull Hyacinths, or any bulbous flowers; always cut them, as pulling them is quite injurious to the bulb. Never let Hyacinths, Crocuses and Tulips bear seeds. It is not good for the bulb.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 8, 1903.

AS EASY.

Needs Only a Little Thinking.

The food of childhood often decides whether one is to grow up well nourished and healthy or weak and sickly from improper food.

It's just as easy to be one as the other, provided we get a proper start.

A wise physician like the Denver Doctor who knew about food, can accomplish wonders provided the patient is willing to help and will eat only proper food.

Speaking of this case the mother said her little four year old boy was suffering from a peculiar derangement of the stomach, liver and kidneys and his feet became so swollen he couldn't take a step. "We called a Doctor who said at once we must be very careful as to his diet, as improper food was the only cause of his sickness. Sugar especially, he forbid.

"So the Dr. made up a diet and the principal food he prescribed was Grape-Nuts and the boy, who was very fond of sweet things took the Grape-Nuts readily without adding any sugar. (Dr. explained that the sweet in Grape-Nuts is not at all like cane or beet sugar but is the natural sweet of the grains.)

"We saw big improvement inside a few days and now Grape-Nuts are almost his only food and he is once more a healthy, happy, rosy-cheeked youngster with every prospect to grow up into a strong, healthy man." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The sweet in Grape-Nuts is the Nature-sweet known as Post Sugar, not digested in the liver like ordinary sugar, but predigested. Feed the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when Nature demands sweet and prompts them to call for sugar.

There's a reason.

Get the little book "The road to Wellville" in each pkg.

THE WILD HOLLYHOCK.

A BEAUTIFUL little wildling that grows here, and is found in many sections of the territory, is the wild Hollyhock. It is unlike our cultivated Hollyhock, as it grows low, and is inclined to vine along the ground. It is a profuse bloomer, and continues in bloom many weeks. The leaf is dark green, and the blossom is identical in shape to our cultivated variety. But it does not incline kindly to cultivation, as it rarely develops well when removed from its "native haunts"—the road sides. And I could not but think, how wisely He that arranged the earthly flowers had remembered even the wayside travellers, and bestowed upon them the bright blossoms, that they might gather inspiration to resume their long, weary journey, for "Flowers will preach to us, if we will only hear."

Gene L. Norton.

Kay Co., Okla., Nov. 23, 1903.

[NOTE.—The plant referred to as Wild Hollyhock is a species of *Callirhoe*, sometimes known as *C. verticillata*, and sometimes as *C. involucrata*. It is a hardy perennial easily grown from seeds, and thrives well in the garden, but is difficult to transplant when the plants attain blooming size. If the seeds were sown early this month the plants would doubtless endure the cold winter frosts and be ready to bloom next season.—Ed.]

Wintering Tea Roses.—One way of managing tender Roses in a cold country is by wintering in the cellar. I have three Tea Roses which I have wintered in the cellar for the past three winters with success. They are planted in a pail, and when danger of hard freezing comes in the fall they are removed to a shed, or warm cellar-way until there is danger of solid freezing, when they are placed in the cellar until the snow disappears. Then they are gradually removed to the open air, to remain during the summer. They will need watering occasionally, but the soil should ever be only moist, as they will mould and decay if kept constantly wet. A cellar that keeps apples well is all right to experiment with.

One of the Roses is a Bon Silene, the others I have forgotten the names of. When I place them in the shed in spring I shake off the top soil, and replace with a rich, well decayed compost,

Aunt Hope.

Wayne Co., Pa.

Plant Support.—I tried this support for Freesias. I took the long, slender rods from an old umbrella, put both ends in the soil, then tied them together with waxed thread. It makes little show, but a strong trellis to support plants that grow top heavy.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 8, 1903.

Rustic Seat.—A man once made a rustic seat from the boughs of the Cherry tree he was obliged to cut down. Here is a hint for others.

Alice May Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Maine, Feb. 11, 1904.

FLOWER POTS.

THE prettiest flower pots I ever saw were made of the trunk of a hollow Sweet Bay tree one foot in diameter. They were about a foot deep, and had good stout plank bottoms. How the flowers grew in them. The thick bark was very ornamental and the roots were kept cool and moist by it, and the plants were fertilized by the decaying wood. They last five or six years and are especially fine for Ferns. In earthen pots the soil quickly dries out, but in wooden vessels it retains a more even supply of moisture.

Julian J. Matheson.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Oct. 1, 1903.

MINISTER'S TRIAL.

Coffee Hit Him Hard Indeed.

A minister of the gospel writes about Postum: "I was for years a sufferer from headaches; sometimes they were so violent that groaning in agony I would pace the floor or garden holding my throbbing head for relief.

"I tried all sorts of remedies known to the allopathic and homeopathic schools, sometimes I thought it was caused by the stomach or biliousness and again I would suspect it was purely nervousness and treated myself accordingly, but nothing ever gave me permanent relief. Having to appear before the public nearly every night, it was sometimes almost impossible for me to fulfill my engagements. Finally I came to suspect that the use of tea and coffee had something to do with my disorder and abruptly discontinued the use of both and took on Postum for a trial.

"From that happy hour I commenced to mend; gradually I got better and better and now I do not have a headache once in 6 months and all my other troubles are gone too. I am now using Postum exclusively and want no better beverage.

"I know of others who have been benefited by the use of Postum in place of coffee. A friend of mine here in Key West, a hardware merchant, suffered for years with stomach and other troubles while he was using coffee, finally he quit and began using Postum and got well. He is devoted to Postum and when worn and weary with business cares takes a cup of it piping hot and in a short time feels rested and nourished.

"Some I know have become prejudiced against Postum because careless or ignorant cooks tried to make it as they would coffee and will not allow it to boil full 15 minutes, but when they try it again, well boiled, it stays for it is as delicious and snappy as the mild, smooth, high grade Java."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Get the little book "The Road to Wellville" in each package.

Sow These Choice Seeds Now

Biennials and Perennials.—These are the "poor man's flowers," because a bed of them once established will last for years, with scarcely any attention. The Biennials die after blooming, but their places are filled with volunteer seedlings. The Perennials endure the winter, and become handsomer with age. Sow in a large, prepared bed, on the north side of a fence or building. Keep the weeds out, and encourage growth. Most of the plants will bloom next season if sown during July or August.

Achusa affinis, splendid blue perennial.
Aquilegia, large-flowered, glorious new varieties of Columbine in splendid mixture.
Arabis alpina, new compact, white-flowered sort.
Aster, Large-flowered Perennial Hybrids, a superb French strain; lovely fall flowers of various kinds.
Aubrieta, masses of red and violet bloom in spring.
Bellis, Giant Double Daisy, charming hardy edging; fine for pots; white, rose, crimson, red; finest mixed.
Campanula, Improved Chimney or Pyramidalis; a superb Bell-flower; white, blue and mixed.
Campanula, Large-flowered, Peach-leaved, mixed.
Campanula, 15 splendid sorts in fine mixture.
Campanula, Canterbury Bell, double, single and Cup and Saucer, in all colors, mixed.
Carnation, New Hybrids, early, large, scented, double flowers; all hues mixed; bloom first season.
Carnation, Hardy Garden, double, finest strain, all colors and markings, mixed.
Chelone glabra, New French Hybrids, fine mixture.
Daisy, Burbank's New Shasta, choicest strain.
Delphinium, New Orchid-flowering, special mixed.
Digitalis, Foxglove, all the choice sorts mixed.
Dianthus Chinensis, lovely Pinks blooming the first season; all colors and markings in finest mixture.
Erigeron, New Hybrids, very handsome; mixed.
Foxglove, see Digitalis; lovely Gloxinia-like flowers.
Gaillardia grandiflora, new compact, a superb summer bedding hardy perennial.
Genista, Red and Gold, very showy, beautiful Broom.
Gerardia, new hybrids, finest mixed.
Gypsophila paniculata, elegant bouquet flower.
Heuchera Sanguinea, new Hybrids in fine mixture.
Heracleum giganteum, giant ornamental plant.
Hollyhock, Finest Double, special mixture of colors.
Hollyhock, New Hybrids, single and double, mixed.
Lunaria variegata, Honesty; new.
Linum perenne, blue and white perennial flower; mixed.
Linum, perennial sorts, complete mixture.
Myosotis, (For-get-me-not), New Large-flowered, special mixture.
Ostrouskia magnifica, elegant Giant Bell flower.
Peas, Perennial, handsome, climbing, everblooming hardy plants; flowers white to rich red; mixed.
Phlox, Perennial, branches of rich bloom; mixed.
Pinks, Park's Everblooming, hardy and fine; single and double; superb mixture.
Picotees, double, richly scented, elegantly marked; mixed.
Poppy, Perennial, gorgeous; flowers nine to ten inches across; many shades; beautiful; mixed.
Platycodon, large, single and semi-double; one of our finest hardy perennials; blue and white mixed.
Pansy, Roemer's Giant Prize, complete mixture of all colors; plants vigorous and bushy; flowers of enormous size, fragrant and exquisitely marked.
Primrose, Garden, a choice strain of many sorts; complete special mixture.
Perennial Cosmos, Pyrethrum Roseum Hybrids; special mixed.
Polygonum multiflorum, a free-blooming hardy vine; white clusters.
Polygonum lanigerum, hardy silvery foliage plant.
Rocket, New Dwarf, sweet, Phlox-like panicles; mxd.
Salvia pratensis, rare and elegant hardy perennial.
Saponaria ocyroides splendens, a grand spring-blooming plant; a mass of clustered pink blossoms.
Sweet Williams, Giant Holborn Glory; mixed.
Valerian, the fragrant Garden Heliotrope.
Veronica gentianoides, elegant Gentian-like flowers.
Viola, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture of all colors from white to deep purple, many variegated; first-class for beds, harder than Pansies; all colors mxd.
Trollius, Golden Globe, splendid gold-flow'd peren'l.
Wallflower, double and single fragrant sorts, mxd.

For the Window Garden.—The most healthy and beautiful plants are grown from seeds, which may be sown during July and August. For handsome pot plants for foliage and bloom the coming winter I especially recommend the following:

Abutilon, New Dwarf Hybrids, finest mixture.
Acacia lophanta, beautiful Fern-tree; fine pot plant.
Angelonia grandiflora, splendid house plant.
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Kate Little.

Fillmore Co., Minn. May 10, 1904.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Kind Sir:—I received my Parks Floral Magazine, and flower seeds. I was surprised to get the Magazine so soon, and am so pleased with the seeds you sent me. I could not express my many thoughts of thankfulness to you. I did not expect any flower seeds, and I am sure it was very kind of you to send them to me. I hope to have good luck in raising them. Your Magazine is small in size, but so large in helping us to raise flowers. I am a girl twelve years of age, and I like your Magazine so much. I could not raise flowers without it. Last fall I had the nicest stand of flowers in our neighborhood. One of my prettiest plants was a Fern tree. It was five feet and six inches tall, and had branches on the stems that were three feet long. I am sure it was lovely, but the first time Jack Frost came my Fern went away with him. It was frozen. I have another one, but it is not as nice. I had a Begonia that was lovely, that I started from a slip. I had a red Coleus that I started from the slip. It was three feet tall. I play the organ for church, but I do not go to school, as I have heart trouble with rheumatism. Every one in this neighborhood likes your Magazine.

Amy Maud Juttie.

Union Co., Ind., Feb. 1, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am only a small girl, nine years old. I don't go to school much of the time because I am always sick. I have one sister and one brother. My sister is five years old. My brother is nearly three months old. I have one brother dead. For pets we have one white kitty named Snowball. When I am at school I am in the third grade. I like to read the children's corner and all other parts of your Magazine.

We saw an advertisement in your Magazine last year for Sweet Peas, and we sent and got them, and had a lot of bouquets. My little sister dearly loves flowers. We had lots of flowers last year. My choice flowers are Sweet Peas, Cosmos, Carnations, Geraniums, Fuchsias, Nasturtiums, Pansies and Roses.

Bessie Hill.

Clinton Co., Ohio, Feb. 18, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little boy six years old. We live in the country. I like the children's corner in your Magazine. For pets I have two dogs and a cat. I love flowers and like to raise them. Mamma takes your Magazine and will send you an order in a few days. I hope this letter will find its way to the children's corner.

Orville Featherston.

Monroe Co., Mo., Jan. 23, 1904.

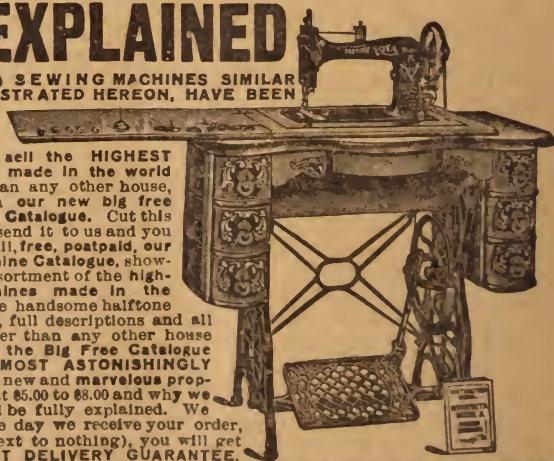
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Light Blue, Philomela, exquisite flowers.
 Dark Blue, Alexander von Humboldt.
 Light Yellow, Chrysolora, large, early.
 Dark Yellow, William III, fine variety.
 Light Bronze, Le Prophete, yellowish.

Dark Bronze, Reconnaissance, fine.
 Pure White, Blanche, superb, splendid.
 Cream White, La Tendresse, pretty.
 Sulphur White, Belle Chamoise, fine.
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| 2 | Leucocjum æstivum, Giant Summer Snowdrop, | 06 | 5 | Grape Hyacinth, white bells, compact trusses, | 10 |

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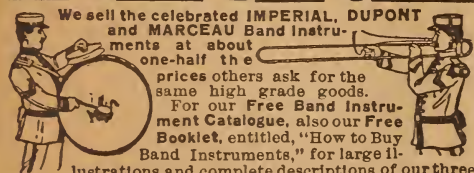
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GOOD CHEER—PERSEVERE.

When your plants seem going reverse,
And you sit regrettin',
Then cheer up and bear in mind
Beauty's worth the gettin'.
Worry, friend, will make it worse,
So there's no use frettin'
Like the hen upon the nest,
Just keep on a settin'.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

TO THE CHILDREN.

My Dear Little Floral Friends:—Among the pleasant memories of my childhood perhaps none are more precious than my rambles in the old homestead orchard. I knew every tree, and the quality of the fruit it produced; and it seems to me, as I recall my experience in climbing for the luscious, ripening fruit, that a boy never had a better time, and that the Plums and Peaches and Pears and Apples were



much better to the taste then than the fruit found in orchards today. But this may be only a fancy. Some of the trees were of enormous size—too big to climb, and the fruit they bore was not always first-class, being what father termed "natural fruit," or seedling trees, started, doubtless by the pioneer settlers, or by some one who, like Johnny Appleseed, of Ohio, kept in advance, with his pockets full of apple seeds, planting in every open spot, to supply the on-coming settlers with fruit. But the younger trees, of the homestead orchard were of Early Harvest, Early June, Smokehouse, Fall Pippin, Golden Pippin, Red Streak and Rambo, and when any friends came, if we could not find good fruit in the orchard, I always had for special use a supply laid away in the hay in the old log barn, for what farmer boy does not have a hiding place for good Apples and Pears that are not quite mellow enough for eating?

But my dear little boys and girls, that orchard was a source of enjoyment in the winter and spring, as well as in summer and autumn. The old trees that bore only "cider apples" were as faulty at the heart as the fruit they produced, and many of the big dead limbs had round holes in the side that you could have put your fist in. In the winter it was interesting to see the Red-head Woodpecker, Sapsucker and Tom Tit hopping around looking into every crack and crevice in search of worms and insects which made the rough bark and decaying wood their winter quarters. Did you ever watch these little scavengers searching for food? The wood-pecker will peck away in the decaying wood till he finds his breakfast or supper, and every meal he enjoys means a benefit to the orchardist as well as to every one who is fond of fruit. But this handsome bird not only pecks for his food. You will find him lighting on the trunk near the ground, and moving upward, peering into every nook that might be a hiding place for the enemies of our trees. The Sap-sucker hunts in the same way. You will always find him going upward. He never moves backward or downward, and he rests his body by hugging the tree and leaning against his tail feathers, while he hunts and pecks. This little insect hunter, becomes so much absorbed in his work that he forgets to keep on the lookout for sneaking cats and often falls a prey to their treachery and deceit when he comes to rid the near-by trees of the destructive insects that infest them. But how different is little Mr. Tom Tit. He hops and skips around the tree, mostly with his head down, and does not stay long enough in one place to tempt the efforts of the sneaky bird-catcher. And just listen what he is crying all the time he is hunting—"Murder, Murder, Murder." He does not sneak and deceive. He warns the hiding worm or insect that he is coming, and will put an end to the enemies of the orchard trees if they show up. And he suits the action to the word. Sometime I will tell you how we fed these and other winter birds in those days. I say "we," for my mother was as much interested in the birds and their welfare as

myself, and sisters and brothers also had their share in the work. But I want to speak of another bird that wintered in the old trees of the home orchard. It was a cute little Screech Owl, with big round eyes and a head like a cat. During the severe cold days he kept down in the hollow of the tree or limb, but on bright, sunny days he came out and sat at the entrance to his "den." Sometimes he occupied one tree, and sometimes another, and you never saw a bird that seemed so intelligent. Every time I went out to see him he would bid me "Good Morning," not in words, for he was as mute as the mountaineers that put Rip Van Winkle to sleep; but like them he nodded, and kept on nodding. You might ask him something and he would always nod "yes," and as you walked in a circle around the tree to get a rear view of his head you found an impossible task. His head turns as you walk and his face is always toward you. Observing this I thought I would out-wit the wise little fellow. I reasoned that if I should walk round and round, say seven times, he would, like the walls of Jericho when encompassed by the Israelites, fall down. So one morning as he sat on the top of a hollow limb where I had a full view of him from all sides I came out, and after we exchanged greetings, for I thought I should nod to him and not be out-done in politeness, I began my journey around the tree, all the while keeping a close watch upon his head, to see that it did not shift as each round was made. All went well, and as I began the seventh round I believed his neck must be pretty well twisted, and that he would surely fall. I reached my base the seventh time, then stopped and wondered, and what do you suppose that wise little creature did? He just nodded to me. "Well I declare, little owl, is your head loosely pivoted to your neck, or are you trying to make a fool of me?" He answered by nodding "yes," and concluding he was too wise for me, I left him to his mute soliloquy.

Perhaps the most interesting season in that orchard, however, was when the trees were in bloom. How glorious the row of big Peach trees appeared, as they developed their rich pink clusters. The bees enjoyed them, too, for they hummed among the branches from morning till night, and decorated themselves with the yellow dust that the flowers shook from their golden censurers. And the Pear and Apple trees! When they expanded their big, cup-like fragrant flowers in huge clusters, no words could describe them. They appeared as a huge flower garden for miles away, and perfumed the whole atmosphere.

How happy we were as we gathered big branches and pressed the fluffy clusters against our cheeks, filled jars and vases, and decorated the home with them.

And it was at this time the Blue Birds, and Robins came, with a host of the feathered tribe that nested among the branches of those orchard trees. We knew where the nests were; we knew how they were built and of what materials; we knew the songs and habits of the feathered inhabitants, the enemies that troubled them, and the difficulties that befell them. We never robbed their nests or allowed anyone to molest them. This, my dear little friends, is the experience and association that helps us and gives us pleasure in future years. I have never regretted my study of Nature in childhood, and I commend the study to you. But I must wait till next month to write more.

Your Friend,

July 23, 1904.

The Editor.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—My mamma has been taking your Magazine for a long time and likes it very much. I have two brothers and one sister. I go to school with sister and one brother. My mamma got some seeds of you. I am eight years old. Here is a little piece.

One gentle word that we may speak.

Or one kind, loving deed

May, though a trifle poor and weak,

Prove like a tiny seed,

And who can tell what good may spring
From such a very little thing.

Ruth Beatrice Wilber.

Franklin Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am ten years old. I like flowers very much. My mamma takes your Magazine and likes it very much. I like to read the children's corner. I go to school and I am in the fifth grade. I have two brothers and one sister. My sister is five years old. My favorite flowers are Pansies, Roses and all other flowers.

Mabel M. Hartley.

Randolph Co., Ill., Feb. 25, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. My Grandma takes your Magazine, and she likes your flowers very well. She has taken the Magazine over 25 years and she is 72 years old. She has learned a great many things about plants. I enjoy reading the children's corner very much.

Sull Co., N. Y. June 9, 1904.

Lena Hitt.

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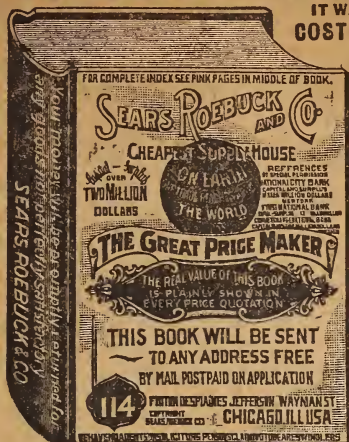
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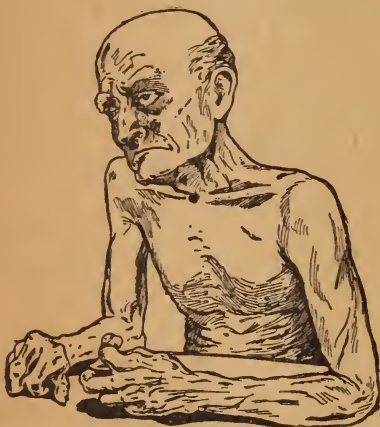
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GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—A good idea is, for every one to have a book with the names of all the people she exchanges with written in it. Then whenever an exchange is sent put down the date, and if you do not hear from the one you sent to in a reasonable time, you can write and find out if they received the package or not. Everything received should be acknowledged without delay. Write a postal and send in same mail with package, so if it is delayed they can make inquiry, and often save the plants by going to the office oftener than they would otherwise do.

A word for "Nabby Frost." Don't be too hard on the sister, for now, if you will all own up, you want every flower you see, and when a lot comes to you, you say, what can I do with all these flowers, where can I plant them? Often you are so rushed with work that you can't possibly spare time to set them out and give them all the attention they require. Of course "Nabby" thinks she will attend to them, but other things crowd them out of her head. I am not a "Nabby" for I have lots of flowers, but I do not always have the time they require, and it does make my Irish blood boil to divide my plants, and then, when mine are in full bloom, to have the same person ask me for blooms, and say, I planted mine in the garden and they didn't live. As one lady told me a month after I gave her some plants, "I had them planted; I don't know whether they lived or not." But lets not be too hard on our sister.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 11, 1903.

Aunt Nan.

Dear Floral Friends:—I will tell you how to make a handsome hanging basket. Take a common nail keg with the heads both solid, and cut out, on what will be the top, an opening of about 10 x 12 inches and bore holes with an inch auger all over the keg. Hang and plant whatever you desire. Kenilworth Ivy, Smilax, Weeping Lantanas, Ferns, Wandering Jew, choosing according to whether sunlight or shade.

I have a large plant of the Weeping Lantana, covered with buds. It has been covered with the little green lice most of the winter, in spite of my frequent showering it with firol soap and sulpho-tobacco soap.

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M. F. Leslie.

Green Co., Pa., April 29, 1904.

Acknowledgement.—The Editor is indebted to Mrs. Ida P. Pierson, Windsboro, Texas, for a set of her songs, as follows: Two Lessons I Learned in a Cotton Field, Don't Cheer, They're Dying, Where Shall I Spend Eternity, Gov. Hogg in London, Will We Say Good Bye? and Tell Jesus to Come to the Phone. These admirable songs may be obtained of the Author, or of Success Music Company, Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Mr. Park:—My grandma has taken your Magazine for a long time. I like to hear the Children's Corner read very much. We are great lovers of flowers and have at least fifty different winter flowers, besides summer flowers. We have a Calla Lily in our bay window, in bloom now, also, a number of others. We live right along the Delaware river. We have a nice place for flowers. My grandpa and papa have a large feed and flour mill.

Esther D. Bryan.

Bucks Co., Pa. March 21, 1904.

Mr. Park:—My mamma takes your Magazine and could not do without it. I love to read the children's corner. I have twenty-seven kinds of flowers of my own. I have no pets, but my little brother and sister, and a little chick. We have a great many pretty flowers. We got most of them from you. I am proud of my flowers. Some of them are yard flowers and some are house plants. I will be fourteen in July.

Lora James.

Carroll Co., Mo. June 11, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live with my aunt. I go to school every day I can. I am in the fourth grade. My aunt buys flower seeds from you. My aunt has two canary singers; I have the care of them. I am a lover of flowers. My aunt has all kinds of house flowers. I help her attend to them.

Ethel E. Jarrett.

Kanawha Co., W. Va., Mar. 16, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. I like to go to school very much. I have two pets, a bird and a cat. My bird's name is Jennie Wren. My cat's is Leo. I will be ten the nineteenth day of August. I have no brothers or sisters. I like to read the children's corner.

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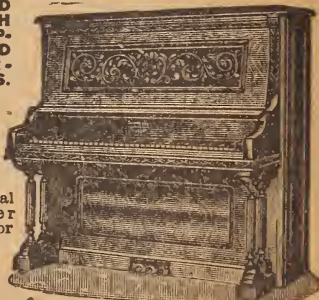
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Friend Park:—I enclose a small order, and would like to say a word in favor of the exchange. I have so much faith in exchanges that if I had the time and strength I should do lots, but I am too old, and have little time. My last exchange was with Dora Smith. Pansy plants were to be sent; but, dear me, the Pansy plants came, Daisies which I wanted so bad, and other things all in good shape, and with them a nice long letter, I think no real flower lovers will act dishonestly. In my many years of floral exchanges I never was treated badly but once, and I had many correspondents, at least one in every state of the Union. Though I have not exchanged, nor written to many of them for years, I have many pleasant thoughts of them, and often when reading the magazines in my now lonely home, I meet the names, and memory goes back years, to the pleasant evenings when I used to sit on the front steps and open the packages and read the always interesting letters. It seems so far away now.

M. E. C. Pearce.

East Baton Rouge Co., La., Jan. 26, 1904.

Mr. Park:—We have been acquainted with you through Park's Floral Magazine since February 1898, six years, and have not missed a number of the Magazine since. I have ordered a good many seeds, and plants from you since then and have always been well pleased. I thank you for the care and promptness you take even with small orders. This year we tried your thirty cent vegetable seed offer and hereafter we will know where to get our vegetable seeds. Everything is splendid. Sometime when we get the large bay window we talk so much of I will want some nice house plants from you. We have about all we have room for now. But I have lots of garden space. Greene Co., Iowa., Lenna Randleman.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I am a flower lover and get so much good information through your little Magazine. Long may it live and its good editor prosper. I enjoy reading the different experiences of our good sisters in flower raising. I like to know people who love flowers, children and many of the dear dumb creatures. One cannot be very bad who has love in his heart for these.

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Darke Co., Ohio, Aug., 1904.

Mr. Park:—I am a lover of flowers, and of all floral papers. The Floral Magazine is the best that I have seen. When I need any information about any of my plants I refer to some of my Magazines, and usually find just what kind of treatment to give them. I have been a subscriber hardly a year, but when my time expires I am going to renew. Mrs. J. E. M.

Alcorn Co., Miss., Jan. 28, 1904.

Mr. Park:—I would like to add my note of appreciation to the numberless others who speak so warmly in favor of your highly valued Magazine. I think it is six years since I first subscribed and I cannot imagine how I ever did without it all the years before. May it live and prosper and remain one of the few really meritorious things in publication. M. Wright.

Canada, Aug. 6, 1904.

Mr. Park:—I have been taking your Magazine about three years. It is worth its weight in gold to me, and it has been such a great help to me in my culture of flowers. I can hardly wait from one month to another for its smiling face to appear. It is one of the best Floral Magazines I have ever read. Mrs. T. E. White.

Johnson Co., Mo., July 10, 1904.

Mr. Park:—Your excellent Magazine supplies both information and pleasure, and has become a necessity with me. Mrs. W. D. S.

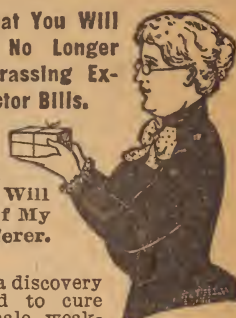
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[NOTE.—Mr. Smith's order was for \$1.00 worth of Pansy seeds in bulk. The specimens he enclosed show very large flowers, and of a wide range of colors. Now is the time to sow Pansy seeds for blooming next spring. To raise plants for sale get your seeds in bulk, but for the family garden the 25-cent collection above offered cannot be surpassed. Don't fail to order your Pansy seeds and start them during the summer months if you would enjoy the best results.—GEO. W. PARK.]



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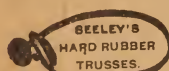
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Miss Kate Patterson, Sullivan, Ill., has fine annual Poppy seed to ex. for seeds of perennial Gallardia, Digitalis and Oriental Poppy.

Mrs. A. A. Smith, R. R. 21, Grain Valley, Mo., has Jerusalem Cherry plants to ex. for rooted Geraniums.

Ada Gist, Letart, W. Va., will ex. anything in her garden for a good rooted Wax Myrtle, (Bayberry), and a rooted plant of the variegated leaved Hydrangea.

Mrs. M. E. Atmore, Sespe, Calif., has Begonias, blue Roman Hyacinth, Chinese Lily bulbs, native and other fine Cacti to ex. for Cacti from N. M., Ariz., Col., Nev.

Mrs. M. E. Gilbert, Laharpe, Kans., has volume of Park's Floral Magazine to ex. for white Pæony, Crepe Myrtle, Lily bulbs or Bleeding heart.

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Mrs. Albert Lambright, Newark, N. Y., will ex. Day Lilies, Bridal Wreath, Hydrangea, Blush Rose, Lilac for Hyacinth, Narcissus or Tulip bulbs, or Roses.

GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—I have a hardy Primrose border twenty-nine and one-half yards long. They are just the red, and red and white variegated ones. I wish you could have seen them this spring, there were as high as twenty blossoms on one stem. I have garden Heliotropes six feet high and Perennial Larkspur seven and one half feet high. Then I have two Paul Neyron Roses ten feet and one Champion of the World Rose six feet. I think that is doing very well. I have a great many flowers, but still am not satisfied and want new ones all the time, and will have them too. I have about a bushel of yellow Daffodil bulbs and if any of our flower sisters should like to exchange for any thing I have not got, I should be glad to have them write. I also have a lot of red, and dark pink Pæonies; should very much like some white ones. But please do not cut their heads off, because they will never amount to any thing. Send a good root with the head and neck still on, and I am sure you will not regret it. I should like very much to correspond with some flower friend in Florida.

Grant's Pass, Josephine Co., Oreg.

Dear Flower Folks:—I have eleven bulb beds in my front yard. One is all Tulips, and this morning I counted 108 Tulip buds. I also have forty three Rose bushes, most of them Teas. Among the number is a Crimson Rambler, and an Empress of China. I have thirty Geraniums, twelve Begonias, nine flowering Maples, and several other kinds of pot plants, too tedious to mention. I am a dear lover of flowers; I love to work with them, and do not have them because it is the style, but for the enjoyment they give me and my friends.

I wonder sometimes how people get along without flowers, when I see their yards and porches so bare. Mr. Park, I greatly enjoy your Magazine. The letters from the different writers are of especial interest to me. They tell of their success and failures, and often they just fit me and I wish so much to see the writer and talk it over.

Mrs. N. C. Dozier.

Jackson Co., Oreg., Apr. 29, 1904.

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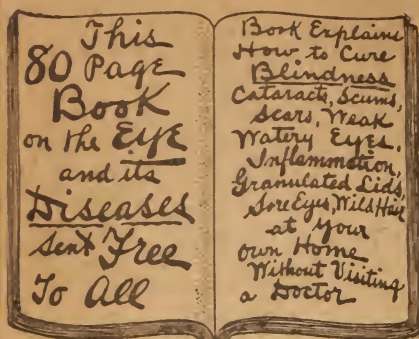
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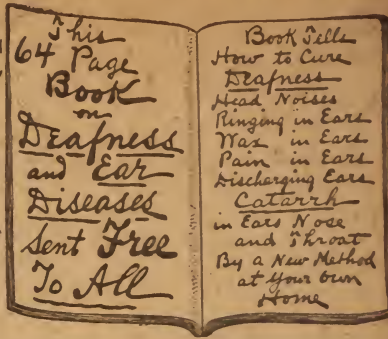


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